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STATEMENT

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SUMMARY: MAIN EDITORIAL IN JAN 15 ISSUE OF GOVT-OWNED
"ETHIOPIAN HERALD" LAMBASTS PRES CARTER FOR HAVING "MIS-
REPRESENTED TRUE PICTURE OF SITUATION REGARDING BRAZEN WAR
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OF AGGRESSION...AGAINST ETHIOPIA." THIS COMPANION PEICE TO
HEADLINED MOFA STATEMENT (REFTEL) CALLS PRESIDENT'S JAN 12
STATEMENT TO PRESS AND BRITISH GOVT'S SUPPORT A "CALLOUS
CONSPIRACY DIRECTED AGAINST ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE AND REVOLUTION."
EDITORIAL FALSELY ACCUSES US OF IMPOSING ARMS EMBARGO ON
ETHIOPIA WHILE PROMISING MOGADISCIO ARMS. EDITORIAL ACCUSES
CARTER ADMINISTRATION OF CONTEMPT FOR OAU BY SUGGESTING

OGADEN ISSUE BE TAKEN TO US SECURITY COUNCIL. ONLY SOMALI WIT-
DRAWAL CAN BRING ABOUT PEACE. END SUMMARY.

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EDITORIAL:

HIGHESET (SIC) IN HYPOCRISY

"THE ETHIOPIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ISSUED A
STRONGLY WORDED STATEMENT YESTERDAY EVENING DENOUNCING RE-
MARKS MADE BY PRESIDENT CARTER DURING HIS RECENT PRESS CONFE-
RENCE IN WHICH THE AMERICAN LEADER REGRETTABLY MISREPRESENTED
THE TRUE PICTURE OF THE SITUATION REGARDING THE BRAZEN WAR OF
AGGRESSION BEING WAGED BY THE REACTIONARY MOGADISHO REGIME
AGAINST ETHIOPIA.

PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT AND THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S
DUTIFUL ENDORSEMENT OF AMERICAN POLICY ON THE CONFLICT IN THE
HORN OF AFRICA IS A CALLOUS CONSPIRACY DIRECTED AGAINST THE
ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE AND THE ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION. IT IS A CON-
SPIRACY AIMED AT NOT ONLY INTERNATIONALISING THE ISSUE BUT
ALSO CONDONING THE WAR OF AGGRESSION CARRIED OUT BY THE
ARMED FORCES OF THE REACTIONARY MOGADISHO REGIME AGAINST THE
UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ETHIOPIA.

PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY COR-
ROBORATED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS IN EFFECT AIMED AT
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DENYING ETHIOPIA HER LEGITIMATE RIGHTS TO SELF-DEFENCE.

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PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE, THE PRIME ARCHITECT OF THE OGADEN WAR, HAD ALSO THOUGHT IT FIT TO JOIN THE ORCHESTRATED CONSPIRACY IN CALLING FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUE. THERE CAN BE NO QUESTION OF NEGOTIATION OR PEACE UNTIL AND UNLESS THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REACTIONARY MOGADISHO REGIME COMPLETELY WITHDRAW FROM ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY. ETHIOPIA HAS THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT AND OBLIGATION TO REPEL THE AGGRESSOR AND THE MOGADISHO RULING CLIQUE WHICH HAD ARROGANTLY UNLEASHED THE WAR, PROMPTED AS IT WAS BY THE PROMISE OF ARMS SUPPLY TO IT BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, WILL BE HELD SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES.

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QUENCES.

IT IS TO BE RECALLED THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IMPOSED A STRICT ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST ETHIOPIA WHILE IT WAS PROMISING THE REACTIONARY MOGADISHO REGIME SUPPLY OF ARMS THUS SETTING THE MOOD AND PACE FOR THE SIX-MONTH OLD WAR IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. NOW THAT ETHIOPIA HAS CONTAINED MOGADISHO'S AGGRESSION AND IS IN A POSITION TO REPEL THE AGGRESSOR - THE PROTEGE OF IMPERIALISM - THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND ITS SUPPORTERS ARE FRANTICALLY TRYING TO CREATE A POLITICAL SHIELD FOR THE REACTIONARY MOGADISHO CLIQUE BY SPREADING LIES THAT THE JOINT FORCES OF ETHIOPIA, THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA ARE ABOUT TO ATTACK SOMALIA. THOSE QUARTERS THAT CONDONE MOGADISHO'S NAKED AGGRESSION SHOULD FIND A BETTER REASON FOR COMING TO ITS RESCUE.

THOSE WHO CLAIM TO BE WORKING FOR PEACE IN THIS TROUBLED REGION OF AFRICA ARE ADVISED TO STRIVE HARD TOWARDS BRINGING ABOUT THE SPEEDY WITHDRAWAL OF MOGADISHO'S FORCES FROM THE TERRITORY OF ETHIOPIA AND THEREBY REFRAIN FROM CONFUSING THE ISSUE IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO HELP MOGADISHO MAKE GOOD HER EX-

PANSIONIST CLAIMS AND THE FRUITS OF ITS AGGRESSION.

ETHIOPIA HAS TIME AND AGAIN TRIED TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO WHATEVER PROBLEM THERE MIGHT EXIST WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) WHICH IS THE COMPETENT REGIONAL BODY BEST QUALIFIED TO DEAL WITH AFRICAN ISSUES. BUT IT MUST BE RECALLED THAT IT WAS THE MOGADISHO REGIME WHICH HAD FLOUTED THIS SAME AFRICAN ORGANIZATION AND IGNORED ITS CALLS FOR PEACE TALKS. BY CALLING FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT, SIAD BARRE NOW HAS THE AUDACITY TO APPEAR AS AN ADHERENT TO THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEMS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE OAU.

ETHIOPIA HAD ON HER PART SHOWN ALL GOODWILL AND CO-OPERATION.
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TION TO THE OAU EFFORT TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES ENSHINED IN THE OAU CHARTER WHICH UPHOLD THE UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. NOTWITHSTANDING ALL THIS, IT IS SURPRISING THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION SHOULD COME OUT IN THE OPEN TO SUGGEST THAT THE MATTER BE TAKEN TO THE UN.N. SECURITY COUNCIL THUS SHOWING ITS CONTEMPT FOR THE OAU'S ABILITY TO DEAL WITH AFRICAN PROBLEMS IN AN AFRICAN MANNER. UNQTE.
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